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# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 7109 NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 31, 2010

BILL NUMBER: HB 1139 BILL AMENDED:

**SUBJECT:** Declaration of Party Affiliation.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Stevenson BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> Party Affiliation-The bill removes the requirement that a voter declare a political party affiliation before voting in a primary election. The bill requires that a voter be allowed to privately select the political party ballot that the voter intends to vote in a primary election.

*Indiana Election Commission*- The bill requires that the Indiana Election Commission (IEC) approve standards and procedures for voting methods to ensure that a voter may select privately the political party ballot that the voter intends to vote in a primary election. It repeals provisions concerning voter challenges because of political party affiliation and the handling of party identification cards used with electronic voting systems.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Indiana Election Commission*- A regularly scheduled meeting of the IEC would allow the IEC to approve the new standards within their existing level of resources.

# **Explanation of State Revenues:**

# **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

# **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Commission.

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**Local Agencies Affected:** County election boards.

**Information Sources:** 

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